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This is the time of year I wish I had a fireplace in my cubicle. I would love to sit in front of a crackling fire with a book and catch up on a little reading. My fantasy includes someone serving hot chocolate with miniature marshmallows any time I want a cup. Oh well, on with real life.

## STANDARDS REVIEW

In December 1999, a group of LMSs and school superintendents came to review the 1996 Standards for Missouri School Library Media Centers. The first day, I asked the superintendents and LMSs to focus on the Budget Recommendation and the Space/Facilities Recommendation. After lunch and on the second day, the LMSs continued reviewing of the entire document without any change in philosophy.

The review team consisted of:

Name	District	Population
Bill Page	Hale	165
Charlotte Baker	Community	392
Brenda Steffans	Morgan Co.	669
Mike Dumey	Bloomfield	792
Walt Swanson	Harrisonville	2387
Joan Hempen	Affton	2657
Terry Reid	Nixa	3315
Sharon Early	Lee's Summit	13900

## BUDGET RECOMMENDATION REVIEW

1996 Standards = Library media center expenditures should be at least 1% of the state average per eligible student expenditure. The per pupil expenditure is reported annually to each district by DESE.

The committee members reviewed Core Data information reported by each building. A sampling of the financial information revealed the majority of school buildings are spending between \$5.92 and \$17.72 per student. The following table shows the breakdown of the sample. One percent of the state average per eligible student for 1998-99 was \$59.07

Expenditure	Number in sample	Percent of sample
\$0 - 1.19	17	4.3
\$1.20 - 2.96	7	1.8
\$2.97 - 5.91	18	4.6
<b>\$5.92 - 11.82</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>30.6</b>
<b>\$11.83 - 17.72</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>31.2</b>
\$17.73 - 23.63	53	13.5
\$23.64 - 29.53	19	4.8
\$29.54 - 35.44	9	2.3
\$35.45 - 41.35	10	2.5
\$41.36 - 47.25	8	2.0
\$47.26 - 53.16	2	.5
\$53.17 - 59.06	1	.25
\$59.07 - +	5	1.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>391</b>	

The committee discussed various potential recommendations including levels of expenditures such as ½%, ¾% and 1%. This would mirror the quantity requirements of Level 1, 2, and 3. They also discussed using the local per pupil expenditure rather than the

state average. After several hours of discussion and brainstorming, the superintendents decided to maintain the 1% recommendation and strive to meet it to help their LMC program be the best possible.

## FACILITIES RECOMMENDATION REVIEW

The facilities recommendation was also reviewed while the superintendents were in attendance. The recommendation for the reading / reference area (traditional four walls of the LMC) remains the same as the 1996 recommendation. The ancillary space recommendation has been changed. (See tables below).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR READING/REFERENCE AREA
1 - 300 enrollment = minimum 1800 square feet
301 + enrollment = 6 square feet X enrollment
<b>MSIP requires seating, in chairs, for a minimum of two (2) classes (based on the average class size in the building).</b>

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANCILLARY AREAS
1 - 300 enrollment = 1,800 square feet X 1/3 = 600 square feet
301 + enrollment = 6 square feet X enrollment X 1/3 = _____ square feet
<b>MSIP requires storage and work space.</b>

## QUANTITY REVIEW

The topic of PK - 2 (or similar) types of grade configurations was brought to the table for review. The quantity tables were reviewed and reworked to create new quantity tables for this type of LMC. The Core Data reports were also checked to determine if the new quantities were feasible. The Core Data check should have occurred

first as it revealed no need for revision. The schools that are PK - 2 (or similar) reported collections that, for the most part, are near or above Level 1. We certainly did not want to harm the efforts of these professionals so changes were discarded.

The complete, revised Standards for Missouri School Library Media Centers will be included on the CD-ROM which will be sent to each public school in the state of Missouri. The revised Standards go into effect September 2000. The planning and evaluation worksheet has been revised. We tried to clarify some of the wording but the information reported is basically the same as in the past. Please remember, no major changes have been made.

### **NASA'S AEROSPACE EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAM**

NASA's Aerospace Education Services Program provides programs for educators and students in Missouri. These programs include teacher inservices, classroom visits by education specialists, and information on NASA web sites. For more information, email John Lowerison at [lowerison@aesp.nasa.okstate.edu](mailto:lowerison@aesp.nasa.okstate.edu), or call 573-544-6545.

### **SHOW ME READERS AWARD MASTER LIST 2000-2001**

submitted by Paula Giles

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The count is in and Reader/Selectors for the Show Me Readers Award have chosen the 2000-2001 millennium Master List of nominees for the Show Me Readers Award. It is the hope of the Show Me Committee to provide readers with several "new" books that will become "old" favorites in the 21st Century.

<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Arnold, Marsha	Pumpkin Runner
Bateman, Teresa	Leprechaun Gold
Carlson, Laurie	Boss of the Plains
Ernst, Lisa Campbell	Stella Louella's Runaway Book
Joosse, Barbara	Lewis & Pappa
Levitin, Sonja	Boom Town
Martin, Jacqueline	Snowflake Bentley
Millman, Isaac	Moses Goes to a Concert
Nolen, Jerdine	Raising Dragons
Root, Phyllis	Aunt Nancy and Cousin Lazybones

### **MARK TWAIN AWARD MASTER LIST 2000-2001**

submitted by Leah Murray

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<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Nancy Antle	Lost in the War
Gary Blackwood	The Shakespeare Stealer
Patricia Calvert	Sooner
Elisa Carbone	Stealing Freedom
Cynthia DeFelice	The Ghost of Fossil Glen
Sid Fleischman	Bandit's Moon

Vicki Grove	Reaching Dustin
Pamela Smith Hill	A Voice from the Border
Will Hobbs	The Maze
Johanna Hurwitz	Faraway Summer
Kathleen Karr	The Great Turkey Walk
Theresa Nelson	The Empress of Elsewhere
Richard Peck	A Long Way From Chicago
Louis Sachar	Holes
Mindy Warshaw Skolsky	Love From Your Friend, Hannah
Roland Smith	Sasquatch
Zilpha Keatley Snyder	Gib Rides Home
Elizabeth Van Steenwyk	A Traitor Among Us
Carol Lynch Williams	If I Forget, You Remember
Elvira Woodruff	Dear Austin

### REGIONAL LIBRARY MEETINGS TOPIC - COPYRIGHT

DATE	DISTRICT	TIME
March 6	Warrensburg Middle School	3:30 - 5:30
March 20	Ladue High School	3:30 - 5:30

**Please register** -- (573) 751-2625 or e-mail [dcash@mail.dese.state.mo.us](mailto:dcash@mail.dese.state.mo.us). If the meeting fails to attract at least 30 registrations, the meeting will be cancelled. You will be notified of the cancellation if you registered.

### WOLFNER LIBRARY WANTS TO HELP YOU

submitted by  
Nancy Doering, Youth Services Librarian

What is Wolfner Library? What can this library do for my students? Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is the public library for residents of Missouri who are blind or visually impaired, or have physical disabilities which prevent them from using standard print. This includes people who have learning/reading disabilities caused by an organic dysfunction.

Wolfner Library is a regional library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The NLS provides nearly all the books and equipment Wolfner loans to users, and Wolfner must follow the regulations governing the use of these materials. Wolfner is also a division of the Missouri State Library, Office of the Secretary of State of Missouri. The State Library provides the office and related equipment and staff to administer library service.

Like any public library, Wolfner Library has a variety of popular fiction, classics, and nonfiction, with one important difference. The books in Wolfner's collection are Braille, recorded cassette, and large print. Recorded cassettes comprise the greatest proportion of the collection. The books are the complete, unabridged editions. Although the cassettes look like "regular" cassettes, they have four tracks instead of two and are recorded at a different tape speed. This makes it possible to record the books on fewer cassettes. To listen to these tapes a person needs one of the playback machines Wolfner Library can provide.

The Braille collection includes some print/Braille titles in which standard print is included along with the Braille. There are also twin vision print/Braille books. These are picture books with illustrations and standard print text into which translucent pages of Braille text are inserted overlaying the corresponding pages of the story. They make it easy for a sighted person and a blind person to share a story. Many of the titles are well-known favorites like the *Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg.

The large print collection is quite small, but it is comprised primarily of juvenile titles. Most are appropriate for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There are some titles for the K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade set.

A school must register as an institution to receive service for eligible students. Each student must also register as an individual. Registration is a one-time procedure for institutions and individuals. Once registered, a school is retained in the Wolfner database virtually forever even if years pass between periods of active use. To renew service for a new school year, the school must complete a form listing the names of all the students who need service. Wolfner mails this form to schools in August.

Books and equipment are loaned to registered institutions and individuals free of charge. All materials travel between Wolfner Library and the user through the United States mail as free matter mail—no postage required.

Two times a year the library publishes a newsletter for youth, *More Tales to Tell*. This newsletter is mailed to all the schools, children and teenagers registered with Wolfner Library. Every summer the library sponsors a summer reading program. Each

member receives a packet with activities and bibliographies of suggested books. The participants read and report the titles and authors of books read and win prizes provided by the Friends of the Wolfner Library and the Library Users of Missouri, Missouri Council of the Blind.

If you have students in your school who could benefit from the services provided by Wolfner Library, contact Nancy Doering, Youth Services Librarian, at 800-392-2614.

### **NEW PBS SERIES**

*Between the Lions*, is a new PBS/TV series for 4-7 years olds that takes place in a library and is all about reading. The first season will begin April 3, 2000.

The focus of the program is helping America's children learn to read. The series is a mixture of puppetry, animation and live action. Theo and Cleo Lion run the library. There are many other characters including Click the Mouse and Tiger Word.

*Between the Lions* is funded in part by a grant from the United States Department of Education through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. For more information, contact <http://www.ala.org/alsc/>

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

Millbrook Press has announced a new grant of \$10,000 to be awarded annually to a school or public library that has made a major contribution to young people through the utilization of the library facility and collection. The grant is to be used for any type of program designed to continue, expand, or enhance the library's community

program. Applications and additional information are available at <http://www.millbrookpress.com/GrantApplication.htm>. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2000 and the winner(s) will be announced in July 2000.

## AWARD WINNERS

### Newbery Award

*Bud, Not Buddy*  
by Christopher Paul Curtis.

### Caldecott Award

*Joseph Had A Little Overcoat*  
by Simms Taback

### The Coretta Scott King Award

*Bud, Not Buddy*  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

**The Printz Award**, a new award for YA literature went to

*Monster*  
by Walter Dean Myers

### The Pura Belpre Award - illustration

*Magic Windows*  
BY Carmen Lomas Garza

### The Pura Belpre Award - literature

*Under The Royal Palms:*  
*A Childhood In Cuba*  
by Alma Flor Ada

### The Carnegie Medal - video

*Miss Nelson Has A Field Day.*

For more information visit the web page  
<http://www.ala.org/alsc>.

## NEW OFFERING FROM MOREnet

Beginning February 1, 2000, MOREnet will offer a newspaper database from NewsBank to replace Newspaper Source from EBSCO. The NewsBank service will be available to all K-12 school MOREnet customers. You can access the database directly at <http://infoweb.newsbank.com>

This service provides access to the following information resources:

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

### WebNews: St. Louis Post Dispatch (1989-Current)

With WebNews: St. Louis Post Dispatch, users receive the full text of all staff-written news features, special interest stories, editorials, daily columns, letters to the editor, sports reports, and much more.

- Collection from 1989 forward in a merged file for quick seamless searching across all nine years of information at the same time.
- Pending permission from the publisher, death notices will be included starting in the year 2000.
- Every article in the database is full-text.
- Updated daily.

### WebNews: Kansas City Star (1991-Current)

With WebNews: Kansas City Star, you receive the full text of all staff-written news features, special interest stories, editorials, daily columns, letters to the editor, sports reports, and much more.

- Collection from 1991 forward in a merged file for quick seamless searching

across all years of information at the same time.

- Death notices and obituaries are included.
- Every article in the database is full-text.
- Updated daily.

**InfoWeb: News Missouri  
(1997-Current)**

InfoWeb: News Missouri provides full-text articles containing breaking and hard news stories of state and local events and issues directly from Missouri. News articles of significance to Missouri from other states are also included, along with some coverage of the national and political scenes. New articles are pulled from the Associated Press and are added daily to the Web delivered database.

- Daily updates
- Backfile access is included from 1997 to Current

**COLLECTION  
DEVELOPMENT TOOL**  
submitted by David White

Follett Library Resources' TITLEWAVE Internet a powerful collection development tool available on-line. With TITLEWAVE Internet, you can perform detailed searches using a wide range of criteria including keywords, interest and/or reading levels, review sources, Dewey range, publisher, author, copyright date, and many more. These advanced searching capabilities make it easy for you to find Dewey-sensitive and other titles necessary for keeping current with Missouri's nonfiction collection standards.

In addition, TITLEWAVE Internet now includes full-text reviews from School Library Journal, Library Journal, and Publishers Weekly. TITLEWAVE Internet is a free service available to all school

librarians and media specialists. For more information, call Follett Library Resources at 1(888)511-5114.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CHILDREN'S  
LITERATURE REFERENCE BOOKS**  
provided by Nancy Doering, Wolfner Library

**Best Books for Children: Preschool through Grade 6.** 5<sup>th</sup> ed. John T. Gillette and Corinne J. Naden. New Providence, NJ : Bowker, c1994.

**Best Books for Junior High Readers.** John T. Gillette and Corinne J. Naden. New Providence, NJ : Bowker, c1991.

**Best Books for Senior High Readers.** John T. Gillette and Corinne J. Naden. New Providence, NJ : Bowker, c1991.

**Best Books for Young Adult Readers.** Stephen J. Calvert. New Providence, NJ : Bowker, c1997.

**Fiction Sequels for Readers 10-16: An Annotated Bibliography of Books in Succession.** 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Vicki Anderson. Jefferson, NC : McFarland, c1998.

**Genreflecting: A Guide to Reading Interests in Genre Fiction.** 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Diana Tixier Herald,. Englewood, CO : Libraries Unlimited, 1995.

**Sequels in Children's Literature: An Annotated Bibliography of Books in Succession or with Shared Themes and Characters, K-6.** Vicki Anderson. Jefferson, NC : McFarland, c1998.

**MASL SPRING CONFERENCE  
GRADUATE CREDIT AVAILABLE**

Two graduate level courses will be offered as MASL Spring pre-conference classes.

**University of Missouri - Columbia** is offering *Information Literacy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – the Big 6 Skills Approach to Information Skills Instruction*. Tuition cost - \$167.80. MASL registration fee: \$45.00 includes some meals.

**Southwest Missouri State University - Springfield** is offering *“Teach-How? With Whom? Collaboration is Possible”* Tuition cost – \$101.00. MASL registration fee: \$45.00 includes some meals.

Registration deadline is March 10, 2000.  
Contact Kathel Cooper, MASL Education Chair, if you have any questions,  
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### **INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY ONLINE NEWSLETTER**

The Instructional Technology section is publishing an online newsletter, "Newslne".  
**<http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divinstr/instrtech/newsletter.html>**. The newsletter will help keep you informed of current technology initiatives, grant opportunities, grant-writing hints, important events and deadlines as well as successful projects that enhance local instructional practices through the use of technology. We ask that you help keep us informed of instructional technology programs and events in your region, district, school, or classroom. Feel free to submit articles or news bits. This is a "work in progress". We will try to address your questions, concerns or interests in future newsletters. Contact Roslyn Wieberg to submit information for "Newslne",  
rwieberg@mail.dese.state.mo.us

### **COPYRIGHT VIDEOTAPE AVAILABLE**

Recently, I videotaped the copyright presentation I have been using across the state. This videotape is available for purchase and may be a good source to use for inservice sessions as I will not be able to continue traveling to individual schools.

The cost of the videotape is \$30.00 plus shipping and handling.

Purchase information:

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